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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EMIN, EINV, GY

SUBJECT: GOG BAUXITE LEVY - PERSONAL SANCTIONS

REF: STATE 212890, GEORGETOWN 1735.

1. WHILE WE ARE AWARE THAT PERSONAL SANCTIONS PROVISIONS OF GOG BAUXITE LEVY LAW MAY HAVE BEEN LIFTED VIRTUALLY VERBATIM FROM JAMAICAN LAW, WE CANNOT ASSUME THEY ARE MEANINGLESS. WE HOPE THAT IN YOUR MEETING WITH BURNHAM (SEPTEL) IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO GAIN ASSURANCES THAT REYNOLDS OFFICERS WILL NOT BE LIABLE TO FINE OR ARREST UNTIL MATTERS ARE SETTLED. ON THE BASIS OF BURNHAM'S RESPONSE AND OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO YOU, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS ARISING FROM THE PERSONAL SANCTIONS PROVISIONS OF THE BAUXITE LEVY LAW. WHAT DO YOU ANTICIPATE IN TERMS OF ENFORCEMENT IF REYNOLDS DECIDES NOT TO PAY THE LEVY? AMONG THE QUESTIONS WHICH OCCUR TO US, WHO WOULD BE LIABLE TO ARREST, LOCAL OFFICERS ONLY OR PARENT COMPANY OFFICERS AS WELL, AND AMONG LOCAL OFFICERS HOW MANY US CITIZENS, THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS AND GUYANESE NATIONALS? WOULD THE US CITIZENS BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY, CONFIDENTIAL

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AND WOULD YOU SUGGEST RECOMMENDING THAT TO REYNOLDS? IN

THE EVENT OF ARREST OF A REYNOLDS OFFICER, USCITIZEN,
TCN OR GUYANESE, WHAT LEGAL RECOURSE WOULD BE AVAILABLE?
HOPEFULLY EVENTS WILL NOT COME TO SUCH A PASS, BUT WE
WOULD LIKE TO BE PREPARED IN ANY CASE.

2. REYNOLDS HAS INFORMED US THAT SPOUSES WILL LEAVE OVER
THE WEEKEND. REQUEST YOU REMAIN IN TOUCH WITH COMPANY
ON THIS AND KEEP US INFORMED. KISSINGER

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